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Two dog bites reported in county

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The Ross County dog warden is investigating two dog bites that happened Saturday.

A 10-year-old was at a neighbor's home on Thornton-Sprung Road playing when the dog broke from its chain and bit the girl's wrists and ankles about 5:31 p.m. Saturday, according to a Ross County Sheriff's Office report.

Charles Gearhart, of 1670 Thornton-Sprung Road, said he had been watching the dog for his son-in-law for about a year. Gearhart was cited by the dog warden for no tags and no liability insurance on the animal. The report also indicated the man was told to quarantine the dog, whose breed was not reported, for 10 days.

Just prior to the incident, the dog warden had responded to another dog bite along Charleston Pike about 4:59 p.m. Saturday.

A Ross County Sheriff's Office report said a 43-year-old woman was walking along the road when a German shepherd bit her.

The owner of the dog had not been contacted at the time of the report.

The extent of injuries was not indicated in either incident.
